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INDIA'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT GROWS 3.1%

India's industrial production grew 3.1% in September, according to official data on Friday. The IIP had grown 4.4 per cent in September 2021. Meanwhile, Moody's slashed India's GDP growth projection to 7% for 2022, saying that global slowdown and high domestic interest rates would dampen economic momentum. This is the second time in as many months that Moody's Investors Service has cut India's growth estimates for 2022. P13

PM: Bengaluru reflects India's startup spirit

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that Bengaluru represents the startup spirit of India and has helped the country to stand apart in a different league in the world.

"In the entire world, India's identity is in startups, and strengthening the case Bengaluru has played a great role. Startup does not happen with a single company. It is a spirit to do something new, a spirit to think out of box and it is a confidence and there are many choices before the country," the PM said, addressing a huge rally after inaugurating the Terminal-2 at the Kempegowda International Airport and unveiling Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's 108-foot 'Statue of Prosperity' at the airport.

Earlier in the morning, he flagged off the Vande Bharat train to Chennai and Bharat Gaurav Kashi Yatra train to Kashi for pilgrims. He also paid floral tributes to the statues of saints Kanakadasa and Valmiki at Vidhana Soudha and the portrait of Onake Obavva, a mid-fifteenth century woman warrior, at the rally near KIA.

Modi showered praise on Bengaluru and Karnataka for getting investments worth Rs 4 lakh crore while the world was struggling through the Covid-19 pandemic, to stand at number 1 position in India in attracting FDI. He attributed that to the "double engine" government — a term used to describe the same party in power at the Centre and the state.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi after inaugurating the Statue of Prosperity at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

Nalini, 5 other Rajiv case convicts freed

SC bench invokes special powers for premature release, goes by its May 17 verdict in the A G Perarivalan case

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

ALL six convicts serving life sentence for more than three decades in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case are all set to walk free as the Supreme Court on Friday went by its May 17 verdict directing the premature release of another lifer in the case, Perarivalan, by a different bench.

The six convicts are S Nalini, Sriharan, Suthenthiraraja a.k.a Santhan, R P Ravichandran, Jayakumar, and Robert Payas. Sriharan, Santhan, Robert and Jayakumar are Sri Lankan nationals.

The court found that "the factors which weighed with this court while directing the release of A G Perarivalan are equally applicable to all the applicants. The appellants are therefore directed to be released if not required in any other case," a bench of justices B R Gavai and B V Nagarathna said.

Justice Gavai was part of the bench that let off Perarivalan invoking its special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

From commuting sentences of Nalini, Sriharan, Santhan and Perarivalan into life and eventually granting release to all convicts, the court invoked its special powers as the executive used dilatory tactics to put off taking its call on requests for relief.

The bench took note of the Tamil Nadu Cabinet's recommendation of premature release to the Governor on September 9, 2018 which was not acted upon. The Governor sat on it for over 2.5 years before forwarding it to the President on January 27, 2021, who, too, did not take the call.

The court also gave weightage to the conduct and education qualifications the convicts acquired while in jail. Nalini's gender was her additional weightage (see box).

"Nalini has been behind bars for over three decades and her conduct has also been satisfactory. She has a PG diploma in Computer Application," the court said. P9

SOURAV ROY

THEN AND NOW

Here's a look at their role in the plot and what the SC said about them on Friday

SRIHARAN

Then: LTTE intelligence wing's explosives expert, gave logistical support to assassins; conduit between mastermind assassination mastermind Sivarasan and Nalini's family; sentenced to death; commuted to life

Now: Conduct satisfactory; took up various studies

NALINI

Then: Companion of suicide bomber Dhanu, groomed into doing so by Sriharan; only living accused of five member of assassination squad; sentenced to death; commuted to life

Now: Woman jailed for more than 3 decades, conduct satisfactory; took up various studies

SANTHAN

Then: LTTE intelligence wing cadre; one of the nine killers Pottu Amman (then head of LTTE intel wing) sent to India; sentenced to death; commuted to life

Now: Suffering from various ailments; wrote articles that were published, some of them received awards

ROBERT PAYAS

Then: LTTE cadre sent to India for the plot, married Tamilian, engaged by Sivarasan to fix hideouts in Porur, Kodungaiyur; awarded life

Now: Conduct satisfactory, suffering from various illness, has obtained degrees

JAIKUMAR

Then: Arranged hideout in Chennai's Kodungaiyur for Sivarasan and his team's stay after the Rajiv Gandhi's assassination; awarded life sentence

Now: Satisfactory conduct; took up various studies

RAVICHANDRAN

Then: Indian Tamil, got LTTE training in Jaffna; returned with Sivarasan in 1990 and arranged hideouts after assassination; awarded life sentence

Now: Conduct satisfactory, took up various studies. He has also done charity

EXPRESS READ

Jarkiholi in soup again for remark on Sambhaji

Belagavi: KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi was slammed on social media on Friday, for claiming Sambhaji Maharaj was handed over to the British, and not Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. P4

US Treasury Secretary meets FM Nirmala

New Delhi: US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on Friday met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman ahead of the 9th meeting of the India-US Economic Financial Partnership here. P13

HC allows terminating minor rape victim's pregnancy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has given permission for medical termination of 25-week pregnancy of a 13-year-old girl, a victim of rape. Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order after the victim's counsel informed the court that the girl is a minor and as per her school certificate and a scan report issued by a radiologist, she is 25 weeks pregnant.

Citing interim directions issued by the HC in a similar case, the government advocate submitted that the procedure will have to be carried out as per the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules, 1971.

Recording it, the court directed the Medical Superintendent of Vani Vilas Hospital to carry out the procedure and the state will have to bear the cost. It also said that the victim, who is the petitioner, should not be liable to make payment for the procedure. CONTINUED ON: P5

Time to let go: Cop who lived through 1991 blast

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

ON a day when the SC set free six convicts in the former PM Rajiv Gandhi's assassination case after 31 years in prison, former IPS officer, the then Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kancheepuram, Prateep Philip, said he had "forgiven" the assassins after a long battle with loss, anger and trauma.

Philip, whose daughter was then 10 days old, was on VIP security duty on that fateful evening of May 21, 1991 ,at Sriperumbudur, when the LTTE suicide bomber, Dhanu blew herself, killing Gandhi and 17 others, including nine policemen and injuring 40 people in a poll rally. CONTINUED ON: P9

Retired IPS officer Prateep Philip with his blood-stained cap and name badge

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Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar attending vaccination programme.

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